



HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE

HLC Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Change. Some people embrace it, live for it even! Others resist it kicking and screaming. But change is inevitable. After all, time marches on. We often have change foisted upon us, like having to rebuild homes and futures after a devastating disaster. Other changes, like the rolling seasons, are relentless and we resign ourselves to accept those changes. Still other changes are anticipated and planned for, like adding a new member to the family or buying that first home. Not too many like moving, but there's something exciting about starting in a new place and looking forward to all the possibilities that await.

The Chorale has seen a lot of change over our 40 years! We lost our beloved and inspirational founder and director, but God sent us new directors who brought their own individual skills and left an indelible mark. Covid tried (and failed!) to end us, but God won that battle and we continue to sing and spread the Gospel. At one point, we moved from St. Mark to Trinity DT. Most of the current Board was not part of that decision, but I'm sure they had valid reasoning behind it since packing and moving had to be a daunting task. But they must have felt that God was leading them to go, so pack and go they did.

The Chorale has been at Trinity for almost 20 years. So, when the opportunity presented itself to move again, the Board really had to deliberate and discuss the options. Staying at Trinity would be easy, "safe." Packing 40 years of Chorale music, belongings and history would be hard. Starting someplace new would be scary. But it wasn't about what we felt or wanted. For 40 years the Chorale has "Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ Through Song and Music." We did this according to God's Will and with His Blessing. Now was not the time to change that focus!

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--Sheri Fryer, President*

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The Joy of Christmas...

As the Houston Lutheran Chorale approaches 40 years of ministry in sharing the Gospel of Christ through music, we anticipate the many blessings and opportunities that God has in store for us.

Our Christmas concert this year is entitled, "The Joy of Christmas." The Christmas message will be shared through song and will involve lots of audience participation. We, as the people of God, join our voices with those around the throne in heaven everytime we sing. What better way to express that than to include those who attend our concert.

The journey we take as we open a piece of paper with ink on it can be daunting. By itself it is lifeless. Only through the process we begin together, as a community, brings it to life. Slowly, the words come to life. The musical shape and melody begins to come out. The end result is the Gospel conveyed in such a special way with God leading the way. Christmas is one of the most joyous times as Christians celebrate the long awaited birth of our Savior.

Please plan to join us for one, or all, of our concerts this year as we share "The Joy of Christmas."

*Blessings,
Jeff Armstrong, Director*





Christmas Concert July 4, 2025 —Trinity Lutheran Church-Downtown
—photo by Rebecca Castillo

Who We Are...

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is comprised of singers from multiple congregations throughout the greater Houston area.

Formal musical training is NOT required, and we would welcome anyone interested in singing to join us this fall! Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, August 17th, 2:00-5:00PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Heights.

Keep up with us on our website! **Please add or update your email using our "Contact Us" form.**



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No matter our fears, we stepped out in faith that He was in control, that He was leading us to go. So, as of July 9, 2025, the Chorale relocated our operations to Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Heights. Leaving Trinity is sad, but a new location is exciting and full of opportunity. We look forward to all God has planned for the Chorale in the next 40 years and beyond!

God's Blessings to you and yours!
Sheri

2025 Member Anniversary Award

At our annual Awards Luncheon in June, one member received a service pin:

30 years: Mary Jane Beisert

Houston Lutheran Chorale Anniversary

2025 marks the 40th Anniversary for the Houston Lutheran Chorale! We are very excited to relive the memories of the past 40 years along with making new memories! Since I started with HLC over 10 years ago, I have heard numerous stories of the past. As we were moving from Trinity to Immanuel I had the privilege to go through all the HLC memories collected over the years.

The 40th Anniversary Committee is excited to share some of these memories with our patrons during our Christmas Concert weekend, but we need your help! Please send any digital photos or memories/stories you have of the Houston Lutheran Chorale to September Nelson at **vicepresident@hlc-tx.org** along with your name and the years you were in HLC. I can't wait to hear about your memories of singing, touring, your favorite (least favorite) costumes/choreography, and anything else you would like to share about spreading God's love around the world! The Committee also can't wait to unveil our new logo items!